

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Judges 6:11-16; 6:36-40; 7:2-7

Session Summary

God had used Deborah, Barak, and Jael to give the Israelites victory over the Canaanites and peace and rest in the land for forty years. But once more, the Israelites would do what was evil in the sight of the Lord. This time, God would hand His people over to the Midianites, who would oppress them for seven years to such a degree that they would resort to hiding in caves.

In this session, we will see God's patient lovingkindness once more as He yet again responded to the desperate cries of His people. This time, He would provide Gideon, another unlikely judge, to rescue His people and turn them back to Him. Through Gideon, we will see that God is not looking for our strength, but rather, our weakness.

Conversation Questions

- How is God calling you to trust Him and walk obediently this week, perhaps even into frightening situations?
- How can we come alongside one another to encourage each other to step out in faith?
- Who do you know who might be living in fear right now? How can you encourage them through the gospel?
- What is God nudging you toward that you feel woefully inadequate to do? How can God use your weakness to reveal His strength?

Family Challenge

As a family, try to come up with as many examples within pop culture with the main character starts off fearful, inadequate, and lack confidence. Examples can be from books, movies, television series, etc.

Afterward, explain that we are the Gideons of this generation. Are you fearful? You're not alone. Feel inadequate? That is no problem. Lacking confidence? Then turn to the only One who can march you to victory and enable you to proclaim loudly, "God is the champion!" Admit your weaknesses, trust in His power, and give Him the praise.